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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF	:	Dale T. Platteter et al.
FOR	:	SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZATION OF REAL-TIME CLOCKS IN A DOCUMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM
SERIAL NO.	:	09/938,237
FILED	:	August 23, 2001
GROUP ART UNIT	:	2116
EXAMINER	:	Tse W. Chen
LAST OFFICE ACTION	:	November 30, 2004
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	:	A0A73-US-NP XERZ 2 00424

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on December 29, 2004. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Claims 1, 21, 13, and 15.

Identification of the Specific Art Discussed:

U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,807,259 (Yamanaka); 5,995,771 (Miyawaki); 5,535,217 (Cheung).

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

None

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

1. Yamanaka does not disclose a document processing system and motivation to combine Yamanaka with Miyawaki is lacking.
2. Miyawaki does not disclose a control bus interconnecting a resource and a controller as recited in claim 1.
3. Cheung does not disclose a document processing system and motivation to combine Cheung with Miyawaki is lacking.

General Indication of any other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

1. Clarification of Examiner findings supporting rejection of claims 1, 21, 13, and 15 because Office Action is unclear.
2. Fairness of making second office action citing new art final.


General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

A response to the Office Action may be prepared by applicant and evaluated by Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN,
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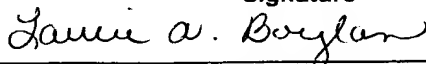
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF SECOND INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

A second telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on February 4, 2005. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted:

Proposed Response After Final (Amendment B) with various arguments in support of allowance of the previously presented claims.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Claim 1.

Identification of the Specific Art Discussed:

U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,807,259 (Yamanaka); 5,995,771 (Miyawaki).

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

None

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

1. Yamanaka discloses synchronization of master and slave clocks in a data path in relation to printing rather than in a paper path as recited in claim 1 and motivation to combine Yamanaka with Miyawaki is lacking.
2. Even if Yamanaka and Miyawaki are combined, claim 1 is distinguishable from the combination because neither Yamanaka nor Miyawaki disclose synchronization of master and slave clocks in a paper path in relation to printing as recited in claim 1.

General Indication of any other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

None

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

Supervisor Lynne Browne and Examiner Tse Chen stand with the view that the motivation to combine Yamanaka and Miyawaki and rejections based on the combination are proper. Applicant's counsel does not agree, but will have to report apparent differences of opinion to client for instructions on next course of action.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN,
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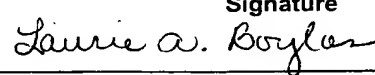

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